

of the United States. Though their World War II actions led to their departure, they were never convicted of war crimes.

While the exact number of beneficiaries—or the total taxpayer-underwritten benefit they received—has not been released, the list included SS troops who guarded Nazi concentration camps, a rocket scientist accused of using slave labor to advance his research in the Third Reich and a Nazi collaborator who allegedly engineered the arrest and execution of thousands of Jews in Poland, according to the Associated Press.

They fled their home countries after the war and set up residency here.

A legal loophole gave the Justice Department leverage to persuade the Nazi suspects to leave the U.S. If they did, or if they simply fled prior to deportation, they could keep their Social Security benefit, the AP reported.

And in this rare instance, Washington's response has been both swift and appropriate. Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York—a ranking member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee—called on the Obama administration to investigate the payments. The Democrat called them a “gross misuse of taxpayer dollars.”

And yesterday, Sens. Charles Schumer, D-NY, and Bob Casey, D-PA, announced plans to introduce legislation to close the loophole that allowed for the payments. A joint press release issued by the pair reflects that the bill would also provide direction to federal immigration judges adjudicating cases involving a suspected Nazi persecutors.

New York's Rep. Maloney plans on carrying that bill in the U.S. House.

At least four of these suspected criminals are still living comfortably on the taxpayer dole. They are doing so via a social service safety net that is now financially failing.

That is a totally unacceptable and abhorrent misuse of our funds. We are pleased to see Congress is acting to fix the problem, even if—given the ages of the surviving recipients—it is too late to result in substantial savings.

We strongly encourage each member of Colorado's congressional delegation to support the legislation. Be bold. Take a stance for the taxpayers, the citizens in need, the survivors and the millions who perished at the hands of these suspected criminals and their contemporaries.

Pass this law and close the loophole.

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time, and I think it is important to close on a particular note. I don't think it gets lost on the chairman or me that, when we sit as the chairman and ranking member on the Social Security Subcommittee, we have a major responsibility, and that is to make sure that what people expect when they allow a good chunk of money to come out of their paycheck, it is going to be used for what they believe, and that is for Social Security benefits for those who have earned them.

When something like this comes along and you find out that someone found out a way to circumvent the laws and the process and take advantage of getting dollars out of America that have been put in for the purpose of providing security to those who retire or become disabled or who die, it really makes you want to act, but when you realize that, on top of that, the folks who are gaming the system are folks who should never have been in this

country in the first place because they committed heinous crimes and were perpetrators of some of the worst evils we have seen in our history, then it makes you want to work doubly fast.

At a time when we deal with major issues and oftentimes have challenges in reaching agreement, the American people should watch for a second because, in this case, we are coming together to say that we understand the purpose of Social Security.

It is important to extend a thank you to the chairman of the Social Security Subcommittee for making sure that, before we ended this year and before we ended this session, we had an opportunity to put our vote on the floor saying, “No, if you don't earn your benefits, you won't get them, and if you shouldn't have been here in the first place, then you certainly shouldn't get Social Security as well.”

It is important to get this done, and we hope the Senate will act quickly. Hopefully, before too long, the President will have an opportunity to sign this, and forever, we will be able to say that we know that no perpetrator of the Holocaust will ever have an opportunity to steal Social Security from those who worked hard to earn it.

With that, Mr. Speaker, and thanking the staff on both sides of the aisle for the work they have done so diligently and to my friend and chairman, Mr. JOHNSON, I say thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I thank Mr. BECERRA.

It takes two to tango, and fortunately, we have a compatible interest on this committee. I thank Ranking Member XAVIER BECERRA and his staff for working with us on this important legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members of the House to vote “yes” and pass the No Social Security for Nazis Act today, so the Senate can take action soon and that the President can sign it into law without delay.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SAM JOHNSON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5739.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings

will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

S. 2040, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 5050, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 3572, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

BLACKFOOT RIVER LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 2014

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 2040) to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 414, nays 0, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 534]

YEAS—414

Adams	Chabot	Ellison
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Barber	Clarke (NY)	Esty
Barletta	Clawson (FL)	Farenthold
Barr	Clay	Farr
Barrow (GA)	Cleaver	Fattah
Barton	Clyburn	Fincher
Beatty	Coble	Fitzpatrick
Becerra	Coffman	Fleischmann
Benishek	Cohen	Fleming
Bentivolio	Cole	Flores
Bera (CA)	Collins (GA)	Forbes
Bilirakis	Collins (NY)	Fortenberry
Bishop (GA)	Conaway	Foster
Bishop (NY)	Connolly	Fox
Bishop (UT)	Conyers	Frankel (FL)
Black	Cook	Franks (AZ)
Blackburn	Cooper	Frelinghuysen
Blumenauer	Costa	Fudge
Bonamici	Cotton	Gabbard
Boustany	Courtney	Galleo
Brady (PA)	Cramer	Garamendi
Brady (TX)	Crawford	Garcia
Braley (IA)	Crenshaw	Gardner
Brat	Crowley	Gerlach
Bridenstine	Cuellar	Gibbs
Brooks (AL)	Culberson	Gibson
Brooks (IN)	Cummings	Gingrey (GA)
Brown (GA)	Daines	Gohmert
Brown (FL)	Davis (CA)	Goodlatte
Brownley (CA)	Davis, Danny	Gosar
Buchanan	Davis, Rodney	Gowdy
Bucshon	DeFazio	Granger
Burgess	DeGette	Graves (GA)
Bustos	Delaney	Graves (MO)
Butterfield	DeLauro	Grayson
Byrne	DelBene	Green, Al
Calvert	Denham	Green, Gene
Camp	Dent	Griffin (AR)
Campbell	DeSantis	Griffith (VA)
Capito	DesJarlais	Grijalva
Capps	Deutch	Grimm
Cárdenas	Diaz-Balart	Guthrie
Carney	Dingell	Gutiérrez
Carson (IN)	Doggett	Hahn
Carter	Duffy	Hanabusa
Cartwright	Duncan (SC)	Hanna
Castor (FL)	Duncan (TN)	Harper
Castro (TX)	Edwards	Harris